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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services - Departmental Proceedings against Smt Ch. Kondamma , the then Superintendent, O/o Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Srikakulam and now Superintendent, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Visakhapatnam under the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge – Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.313 **Date : 08/04/2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the ENC, RWS&S, Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/14763/2016,
1. Dated:12/07/2023.
2. G.O.Rt.No.310, PR&RD(VIG.VI) Dept, dt:08 04.2024.

Order :-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Smt Ch. Kondamma , the then Superintendent, O/o Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Srikakulam and now Superintendent, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Visakhapatnam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt Ch. Kondamma , the then Superintendent, O/o Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Srikakulam and now Superintendent, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Visakhapatnam is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this Memorandum a written statement of her defence.

4. She is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt Ch. Kondamma , the then Superintendent, O/o Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Srikakulam and now Superintendent, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Visakhapatnam is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte, based on the material available on record.

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6. Attention of Smt Ch. Kondamma , the then Superintendent, O/o Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Srikakulam and now Superintendent, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Visakhapatnam is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these Proceedings, it will be presumed that Smt Ch. Kondamma , the then Superintendent, O/o Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Srikakulam and now Superintendent, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Visakhapatnam is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

7. The receipt of the proceedings shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
Smt Ch. Kondamma , the then Superintendent, O/o Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Sub-Division, Srikakulam and now Superintendent, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Division, Visakhapatnam (w.e) through the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same for record)

Copy to
The PR&RD(Est.II) Dept.

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ANNEXURE–I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT CH. KONDAMMA , THE THEN SUPERINTENDENT, O/O EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM AND NOW SUPERINTENDENT, RWS&S DIVISION, VISAKHAPATNAM

CHARGE - 1

That Smt.Ch.Kondamma, the then Superintendent, O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Srikakulam now presently working at O/o Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Visakhapatnam had totally failed in discharging her legitimate duties in checking the bills received from caseworker and then forward to the higher authorities, if no defects were found. If the bills are found irregular and if any defects are observed, to send back. She did not do so but simply forwarded affixing her signature this shows her negligence in discharging her legitimate duties. Her failure in this regard had caused loss of Rs. 164321+208702=373023/- to the Government.

Hence the charge.

CHARGE-2

That she had not shown proper interest in discharging her duty, even in financial matters. Her negligence and carelessness resulted in heavy loss to the Government. Had she taken proper interest in her duty, this contingency would not have arisen. Hence the charge.

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
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ANNEXUE–II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT CH. KONDAMMA , THE THEN SUPERINTENDENT, O/O EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPRTMENT SUB-DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM AND NOW SUPERINTENDENT, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VISAKHAPATNAM

The post of Superintendent is a key post in maintaining discipline and order in the Office. She should go through every paper in detail and submit to the Superior Officers with her remarks or observations. If any irregularity is found she should return the papers/files with her remarks to the subordinates. In this instant case, she had simply signed and submitted to the higher authority. It appears that she had not gone through the details of the bill. This shows her negligence of duty which resulted in heavy loss to the Government.

As per Rule 3(3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, no Government Employee shall act in a manner which will place his official position under any kind of embarrassment.

Hence, the charge.

When the subordinate incumbent has submitted the bill, she ought to have properly gone through the details of claim and find out the defects if any. She should have verified the claim with reference to relevant records available in the Office and sign it satisfied with the genuineness of the claim. She failed to do so. She took it easy and simply submitted to the higher officer.

Being as checking Officer every individual has to show integrity towards her duties and should be very careful in attending the official duties. But, the attitude of the individual observed as negligence attending her Official legitimate duties there by caused problems to her superiors.

As per Rule3(1) to (4) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964 every person should be devoted to duty and maintain discipline and there should not be any action which causes her official position in any kind of embarrassment.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE–III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT CH. KONDAMMA , THE THEN SUPERINTENDENT, O/O EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM AND NOW SUPDT., RWS&S DIVISION, VISAKHAPATNAM ARE PROPOSED TO SUSTAINED

From the ENC, RWS&S, Letter No.Vig(III)/RWS&S/14763/2016, Dated:12/07/2023.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

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ANNEXURE–VI

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT CH. KONDAMMA , THE THEN SUPERINTENDENT, O/O EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUB-DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM AND NOW SUPERINTENDENT, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VISAKHAPATNAM ARE PROPOSED TO SUSTAINED

-NIL-

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
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